

REMARKS

The applicants propose amending claims 1 and 8 to improve form. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1-17 remain pending upon entry of this amendment.

Claim 1 has been objected to for minor informalities. In particular the Final Office Action states that the term “said second label switch” at line 15 should be changed to “said second label switch router”. Claim 1, amended as proposed, corrects the informality noted in the Final Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested. Claim 8, amended as proposed, corrects a minor typographical error.


CONCLUSION

The applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment since the amendment to claim 1 merely addresses the informality noted at page 3 of the Final Office Action, amends claim 8 to improve form and puts the application in better form for appeal. Therefore, the applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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